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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

Item 4 (b)

Programme 11
Human settlements

1. At its 13th meeting, on 19 June 2002, the Committee considered the proposed revisions to programme 11, "Human settlements", of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/57/6 (Prog. 11)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the proposed revisions to programme 11 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of these revisions.

Discussion

3. Good support was expressed for the proposed revisions to the programme.

4. Explanations were sought as to how the activities carried out by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to implement the two global campaigns referred to in paragraph 11.6 of the proposed revisions (the Global Campaign for Secure Tenure and the Global Campaign on Urban Governance) related to the activities carried out by Governments. It was suggested that this relationship be spelled out in the narrative of the programme. It was further stated

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that the strategy in paragraph 11.6 (b) could be revised to include indicators for capacity-building. The view was also expressed that the indicators of achievement in paragraph 11.8 (a) could be formulated more specifically to include elements such as the social, legal and cultural orientation of Member States.

5. The view was also expressed that the wording of the objective in paragraph 11.15 should be reformulated so as to clarify that the main responsibility for implementing the principles and honouring the commitments of the Habitat Agenda rested with national Governments. It was suggested that the relationship between UN-Habitat and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS should be elaborated further.

6. The view was expressed that international resources were an important source for financing shelter and human settlements and should therefore be mentioned in paragraph 11.20. It was felt that more precise indicators of achievement would need to be developed in order to assess the impact and efficiency of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation in providing financial resources for developing shelter and sustainable human settlements.

7. Queries were raised regarding the division of tasks between subprogrammes 1 and 3.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the revisions proposed by the Secretary-General to programme 11, Human settlements, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, with the following modifications:

Paragraph 11.1

In the third sentence, retain the words "the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), in particular the Habitat Agenda".

Paragraph 11.2

At the end of the paragraph, add the following: "Through technical cooperation, UN-Habitat will support developing countries in achieving the goals of adequate shelter for all and the development of sustainable human settlements".

Paragraph 11.3

In the second sentence, replace the words "in coordination with the programmes of, among others" with the words "in coordination with the following programmes and agencies within their respective mandates:".

Paragraph 11.4

At the beginning of the last sentence, insert the words "Adequate resources as well as".

Paragraph 11.6

– In the third sentence, after the words "organizational capacity-building", insert the words "resource mobilization".

– In the fourth sentence, replace the words "norms of secure tenure" with the words "norms of secure and legal tenure".

Paragraph 11.7

Revise the chapeau of paragraph 11.7 to read "Expected accomplishments will include the work of the secretariat of UN-Habitat to assist countries in:".

Paragraph 11.8

Revise the chapeau of paragraph 11.8 to read "Indicators of achievement will include a number of activities carried out by the secretariat of UN-Habitat to assist countries, which will be measured by:".

Paragraph 11.9

At the end of the last sentence, replace the words "at the national and local levels" with the words "at the international, national and local levels".

Paragraph 11.11 (c)

Replace the words "poverty reduction" with the words "poverty eradication".

Paragraph 11.12 (b)

– Replace the words "poverty reduction" with the words "poverty eradication".

– Replace the words "Adoption by Governments and local authorities" with the words "Adoption at the international, national and local levels".

Paragraph 11.13 (b)

Replace the words "The number of Governments" with the words "The number of international institutions and national".

Paragraph 11.13 (c)

After the words "UN-Habitat and its partners", insert the words "and the percentage of these projects and programmes".

Paragraph 11.14

In the last sentence, after the words "important feedback", insert the words "on lessons learned and best practices".

Paragraph 11.15

– Replace the words "at the national and local levels" with the words "primarily at the national level and also at the local levels".

– At the end of the paragraph, add the words "and within the legal framework of each country".

Paragraph 11.20

Throughout the paragraph, insert the words "and international" after the word "domestic".

Paragraph 11.23 (c)

Insert the words "private sector donors" before the words "and bilateral donors".

Paragraph 11.24 (b)

Replace the words "from domestic sources" with the words "through strengthening the capacity of domestic sources".

Paragraph 11.25 (b)

– Before the words "the level of", insert the words "the increase of".

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Paragraph 11.25 (c)

Before the words "the level of", insert the words "the increase of".